

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 and 13-35 are pending in the present application.

Claims 1-7, 10, 13-18, 21, 23, 29 and 33 have been amended.

Claim 12 is canceled.

Claim 35 is newly entered.

Reconsideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

The claims are believed to be allowable for the reasons set forth herein. Notice thereof is respectfully requested.

Objections To Specification

The specification is objected to. The Office contends that monomer II-4 of page 13 fails to meet the general criteria of formula II. Applicants respectfully disagree.

Monomer II-4 is within the definition of formula II when R² is hydrogen and R¹ and L₂ are taken together to form a substituted aryl ring.

Objections to Claims

Claims 2, 3 and 12-22 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

The objection is rendered moot by amendment.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 23-34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirements.

Claim 23 has been amended thereby rendering the rejection of claim 23 moot. Claims 24-34 depend from claim 23 and the rejection is rendered moot for these claims for the same reason as for claim 23.

Claims 23-34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

Claim 23 has been amended thereby rendering the rejection of claim 23 moot. Claims 24-34 depend from claim 23 and the rejection is rendered moot for these claims for the same reason as for claim 23.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1 and 4-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Beckley et al. (US 2003/0059599).

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of previously allowable claim 12. The rejection of claim 1 is therefore rendered moot.

Claims 4-11 ultimately depend from claim 1 and the rejection of these claims is rendered moot for the same reasons as for claim 1.

Newly Entered Claim

Claim 35 is a newly entered claim which is believed to be allowable. Support for claim 35 is provided in Tables 1 and 2 of the specification.

CONCLUSIONS

All pending claims are now believed to be in condition for allowance. Notice thereof is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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